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ARIZONA, MINNESOTA MEN INDICTED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two men from Arizona and Minnesota were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute cocaine.

Lee Elmer Tate, 37, of Avondale, Ariz., and **Dana Enoch Kidd, Jr.**, 22, of St. Louis Park, Minn., were charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Tate** and **Kidd** conspired to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Oct. 1, 2003, and Feb. 28, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Tate** and **Kidd** aided and abetted each other in the possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on Feb. 27, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce A. Rhoades. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration Kansas City Interdiction Task Force.

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